

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHERN DIVISION

SUSAN H. GUY,)
Plaintiff,)
)
v.) 2:06-CV-00271-WKW
)
COLONIAL BANK, et al.,)
Defendants.)

ORDER

Pending are the following-styled dispositive motions:

- *Motion for Summary Judgment of Defendant The Colonial BancGroup, Inc.* (Doc. 16) filed on August 18, 2006; and
- *Motion for Summary Judgment of Defendants Colonial Bank, N.A. and The Colonial BancGroup, Inc.* filed with a supporting brief on August 21, 2006 (Docs. 17 and 18).

For good cause, it is ORDERED that:

1. Plaintiff shall respond to each motion not later than September 25, 2006, to show any

cause why the motion should not be granted as requested.

2. Defendants may file any reply to Plaintiff's submissions not later than October 6, 2006.

3. *Plaintiff, who appears pro se in this litigation, is DIRECTED to Rule 56, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure,* which governs summary judgment motions. Rule 56(c) mandates entry of the requested judgment "if the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file, together with the affidavits, if any, show that there is

no genuine issue as to any material fact and that the moving party is entitled to a judgment as a matter of law."

Plaintiff is further INSTRUCTED to be mindful of the following requirements in connection with her submissions:

- a. Failure to file *any* response may be treated as an abandonment of the claims set forth in the complaint. If Plaintiff fails to respond with respect to *each* of the claims challenged in the motion for summary judgment, the court may treat this failure as an abandonment of each specific claim not addressed in Plaintiff's response.
- b. Plaintiff should not rely only on her unsworn pleadings but should respond by filing sworn affidavits,¹ or other evidentiary materials developed through discovery or other appropriate means, which set forth specific facts demonstrating that there is a genuine issue of material fact for trial in this case.² Plaintiff's failure to file sworn affidavits or other evidentiary materials may warrant that the court accept the Defendant's evidence as the truth.³ If documents are referred to in the opposing affidavits and have not been previously filed with the court, sworn, or certified, copies of those papers must be attached to the

¹ An affidavit is a sworn statement in writing made under oath or on affirmation before a notary public or other authorized officer. Pursuant to Rule 56(e), "supporting and opposing affidavits shall be made on personal knowledge, shall set forth such facts as would be admissible in evidence, and shall show affirmatively that the affiant is competent to testify to the matters stated thereon."

² Summary judgment is appropriate "and shall be rendered forthwith if pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file, together with the affidavits, if any, show that there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and that the moving party is entitled to a judgment as a matter of law." Rule 56(c).

³ If the plaintiff is unable to present, by affidavit, facts essential to justify his opposition to the defendant's report, then plaintiff must file a sworn statement as to why she is unable to do so.

affidavits or served with them.

c. Failure to follow the requirements of this Order in responding to the Defendant's motion may result in the entry of a final judgment in the Defendant's favor without any trial.

Done this 22nd day of August, 2006.

/s/ Delores R. Boyd
DELORES R. BOYD
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE